

and east of the Missisquoi River with a muzzleloader or shotgun. Youth hunters may hunt the remaining open hunting area with a rifle. Youth hunters may hunt this weekend at no charge, but must obtain a big game permit prior to the hunt and must return completed harvest information to refuge headquarters.

During the regular and muzzleloader seasons for deer, all hunters (including bow hunters) must wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches of solid-color hunter orange clothing or material.

Permanent tree stands and ground blinds are prohibited. Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are acceptable in accordance with state regulations. Written notation from the refuge manager is required on the big game permit prior to leaving a temporary stand or blind unattended. The refuge manager will note blind locations and remind permittees that this does not grant exclusive use of an area or site. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree with a metal object driven into it to support a hunter is prohibited.

Cutting or damaging of trees or limbs is prohibited.

Use of motorized vehicles is prohibited in hunting areas.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Distribution of bait and hunting over bait is prohibited.

Open season will be as follows:

*Archery Season*      October 5 to October 27, and  
December 7 to December 15.

*Regular Season*      November 16 to December 1.

*Muzzleloader  
Season*      December 7 to December 15.

The above rules supplement general hunting regulations for wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32.

**Please Do Not Litter**      There is a \$500 fine for littering.

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# Missisquoi

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *2002 Upland Game/ Big Game Hunting Map and Regulations*



## Hunting Regulations

All persons hunting upland or big game on Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge must register and pay a \$10 fee at refuge headquarters prior to the hunting season. Permits issued to youth hunters for the youth weekend are free.

If you possess a disabled hunting license or a Golden Access Passport, you may qualify for special accommodations. Contact the refuge manager for details.

## Upland Game

Shotguns are only permitted in the open area on the east side of the Missisquoi River. Hunting must be in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

Only ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare and gray squirrels may be hunted.

Hunters will be required to return completed harvest information by December 31. Failure to do so will result in denial of a permit for the succeeding year.

To protect waterfowl and other migratory birds from potential lead poisoning, nontoxic shot will be required for the shotgun hunting of all species except for deer.

Open season will be as follows:

*Gray Squirrel*

September 1 to December 31.

*Rabbits and Hare*

The last Saturday in September to the second Sunday in March.

*Ruffed Grouse*

The last Saturday in September to December 31.

## Big Game

Shotguns and muzzleloaders are only permitted on the east side of the Missisquoi River during the regular deer season.

During the muzzleloader season, the Long Marsh and Metcalfe areas will be open to hunting. Access to these areas will be from Louie's Landing. The gate to Mac's Bend will be locked as of December 1.

During the weekend Youth Hunt, youth hunters (16 years and younger) may hunt the Long Marsh and Metcalfe area

